

# Maple Syrup, 2005

By Jillayne K. Davis

Pennsylvania's 2005 maple syrup production is estimated at 61,000 gallons, up 2 percent from last year's production of 60,000 gallons. The value of the syrup produced in 2004 is estimated at \$1.74 million, up from the \$1.425 million produced in the year 2003.

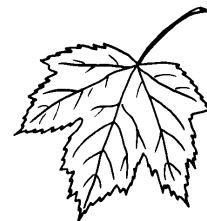
The number of taps in Pennsylvania totaled 428,000 during 2005, compared with 404,000 taps the year before. Pennsylvania's yield for the year 2005 averaged 0.143 gallons per tap, down from the 0.149 gallons per tap last year.

Nationally, maple syrup production in 2005 totaled 1.24 million gallons, down 18 percent from 2004. The number of taps is estimated at 7.10 million, up 2 percent from the 2004 total of 6.96 million, while the yield per tap is estimated to be 0.175 gallons, down 19 percent from 2004.

The 2005 season lasted an average of 24 days. This compares to 30 days in 2004. Sugar content of the sap for 2005 was higher than last year. Approximately 40 gallons of sap was required to produce one gallon of syrup. This compares with 42 gallons in 2004 and 41 gallons in 2003.

Overall, more light syrup was produced than last year but most was of medium color.

The U.S. average price per gallon was \$28.40, up \$0.10 from the 2003 price of \$28.30. The U.S. value of production, at \$42.8 million for 2004, was 20 percent above 2003.



Maple Syrup: Taps, Yield, and Production By State and United States, 2004-2005 <sup>1</sup>

State	Number of Taps		Yield per Tap		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Taps</i>		<i>Gallons</i>		<i>1,000 Gallons</i>	
CT	62	63	0.177	0.159	11	10
ME	1,290	1,300	0.225	0.204	290	265
MA	235	240	0.213	0.167	50	40
MI	370	390	0.216	0.149	80	58
NH	360	365	0.231	0.156	83	57
NY	1,345	1,420	0.190	0.156	255	222
OH	405	355	0.193	0.194	78	69
<b>PA</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>0.149</b>	<b>0.143</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>
VT	2,100	2,140	0.238	0.192	500	410
WI	385	400	0.260	0.125	100	50
US	6,956	7,101	0.217	0.175	1,507	1,242

<sup>1</sup> 2004 revised.

Maple Syrup: Price and Value by State and United States, 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>

State	Average Price per Gallon		Value of Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
CT	48.60	51.70	486	569
ME	22.50	19.40	6,413	5,626
MA	41.90	46.30	1,550	2,315
MI	31.20	38.00	1,841	3,040
NH	43.00	35.40	2,580	2,938
NY	26.80	28.20	5,628	7,191
OH	35.10	32.00	1,790	2,496
<b>PA</b>	<b>27.40</b>	<b>29.00</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,740</b>
VT	27.80	27.30	11,676	13,650
WI	29.10	32.30	2,212	3,230
US	28.30	28.40	35,601	42,795

<sup>1</sup> Price and value for 2003 are revised. Price and value for 2005 are not available until June, 2006.